Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether Government are aware that a large number of these beggars are suffering from contagious diseases and that their sleeping in the verandhas of public buildings is not highly dangerous to public health?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government are aware.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether there is any proposal on the part of the Government to give a suitable habitation for these beggars?

Mr. M. K Nilakanta Aiyar: There is.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*): May I know whether any steps are being taken to seggregate these beggars?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Yes.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know what those steps are?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The question of a commodious isolation hospital is engaging the attention of the Government.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Is it intented to house these people?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Yes.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether any estimate has been prepared regarding this?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: An estimate has been called for.

Sri Nilakanta Vilasom Vaidyasala at Mannanthalai.

81. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai:** With reference to the Sri Nilakanta Vilasom Vaidyasala at Mannanthalai, Trivandrum, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from Balakrishna Panikkar, the vaidyan of the dispensary praying for grant-in-aid to his vaidyasala; If so, how many and the action taken thereon;

(*b*) whether there was a grant-in-aid vaidyasala at Mannanthalai at any time in the past;

(*c*) whether the inhabitants of the pakuthies of Karakulam, Chettivilakam, Oolloor and Ooliathra, memorialised Government for awarding grant-in-aid to this vaidyasala;

(*d*) whether the Ayurveda Director recognising the indispensability of a vaidyasala in this locality included this place in the selected localities published in the Government Gazette of 26-2-1106 and later on in 1113, recommended to Government that grant-in-aid may be given to this vaidyasala;

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(*e*) whether the President of the Kerala Hindu Mission recommended to Government on 3-3-1113 and 4-8-1114 to award grant-in-aid to this vaidyasala ;

(*f*) whether a deputation led by some of the members of the Legislature waited on the Chief Secretary to Government and urged the Government to sanction grant-in-aid to this deserving institution ; and

(*g*) whether Government observe any principle in the matter of giving grant-in-aid to vaidyasalas ; and if so, what ?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes ; two petitions were received and they were forwarded to the Honorary Director of Ayurveda.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No list was published on 26-2-1106. The recommendations made by departmental heads to Government are confidential.

(*e*) and (*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes. Grants are awarded generally to recognised vaidyasalas according to the needs of the locality and their usefulness and in consideration of the qualifications, standing, experience, efficiency and general repute of the Vaidyans concerned.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Sir, may I know, with reference to answer to part (e) and (f), whether Government would be satisfied if a written statement is produced to the effect that the President of the Kerala Hindu Mission had recommended to the Government the sanctioning of the grant and that a deputation of some members of the Legislature also waited on the Government ? Government have denied that these people have approached them.

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, so far as the information goes, no petition has been received by Government from the President of the Kerala Hindu Mission.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Sir, May I know whether an affidavit from these personalities to the effect that they have approached Government would be sufficient to prove that a petition has been received ?

President : How is that ?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, it is asked whether the President of the Kerala Hindu Mission had not sent a petition urging the need for giving grant-in-aid to this Vaidyasala and whether a deputation of members of the Legislature did not wait on the Chief Secretary. The answer is 'No'. The Honourable member says that he will produce an affidavit to show that such a petition has been sent to the Government.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Sir, the President of the Kerala Hindu Mission himself went to the hospital and he actually sent a petition to the Government. How is it denied then ?

President: I suppose that there are certain appartenances in the Secretariat for filing letters, petitions and other documents received. Normally, every paper received in the Secretariat comes in its perambulations up to the Chief Secretary and in most cases up to the Dewan. The Secretary in charge says that he has not got the petition. What is the honourable member's suggestion ? If by any chance it is lost, another petition may be sent and that will be considered.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): Sir, May I know from the Secretary whether it is a petition or a recommendation that the President of the Hindu Mission sent ?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Government have seen neither a petition nor any recommendation.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether it is a verbal recommendation ?

President: What has the President of the Kerala Hindu Mission got to do with the Vaidyasala at Mannanthalai, Trivandrum. What is the point ? I do not see.

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, petitions are received from hundreds of people urging the need for giving grants-in-aid to particular Vaidyasalas. Such petitions ... ...

President: Is the honourable member who is now on his legs quite sure that no such petition has been received ?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Yes, Sir.

President: Very well.

Tanks in Vilavancode Taluk.

82. * **Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of irrigation tanks improved during the current year in Vilavankod taluk ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): The required list is laid on the table.

Chimney at the Government Ceramic Factory at Kundara.

83. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are cracks in the chimney put up at the Government Ceramic Factory at Kundara ; if so, who was in charge of the construction of the chimney ;

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